CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Please **amend** Claims 1, 4, 6, 13, 15, 18, 20-21 and 27, **cancel** Claims 3, 5, 7-12, 17, 19, 22, 24 and 26, and **add** Claims 29-32 as indicated:

1. (currently amended) An input unit comprising:

a sensor which detects a displacement;

a plate-like main unit supporting said sensor; [[and]]

a finger support member pivotally coupled to said main unit;

said sensor, said main unit, and said finger support member defining a plate-like structure when said finger support member is pivoted inline with said main unit;

at least two open-close members, pivotally coupled to said main unit, each open-close member having a different switch coupled thereto;

said sensor, said main unit, said finger support member, and said open-close member defining a plate-like structure when said finger support member and said open-close member are pivoted inline with said main unit, wherein operation of the respective switches of said open-close members is effected by sandwiching said finger support member between two provided fingers.

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2. (original) The input unit according to Claim 1, wherein the plate-like structure is storable in any one of a card slot and a free space of an information processing unit.

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The input unit according to Claim [[3]] 1, wherein the plate-like structure is storable in any one of a card slot and a free space of an information processing unit.

5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) The input unit according to Claim [[5]] 1, wherein the plate-like structure is storable in any one of a card slot and a free space of an information processing unit.

7-12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) ~~The input unit according to Claim 9,~~ An input unit comprising:

a sensor that detects a displacement;

a plate-like main unit supporting said sensor;

a finger support member pivotally coupled to said main unit;

said sensor, said main unit, and said finger support member defining a plate-like structure when said finger support member is pivoted inline with said main unit; and

at least one switch coupled to said main unit, said switches being operable when the provided fingertips are placed between said main unit and said finger support member when said finger support member is pivoted in an open state, wherein a plurality of said finger support members are provided in a configuration such that fingertip insertion is nearly parallel to the pivotal direction of said finger support members.

14. (original) The input unit according to Claim 13, wherein the plate-like structure is storable in any one of a card slot and a free space of an information processing unit.

15. (currently amended) Apparatus comprising:

an information processing unit; [[and]]

an input unit;

said input unit further comprising;

a plate-like main unit having a sensor for detecting a displacement; [[and]]

a finger support member pivotally coupled to said main unit; and

at least two open-close members, pivotally coupled to said main unit, each of the at least two open-close members having a respective switch coupled thereto;

said main unit and said finger support member defining a plate- like structure when said finger support member is pivoted inline with said main unit, wherein operation of the respective switches is effected by sandwiching said finger support member between two fingers.

16. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said input unit, when configured as said plate-like structure, is storable in any one of a card slot and a free space of said information processing unit.

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claim [[17]] 15, wherein said input unit, when configured as said plate-like structure, is storable in any one of a card slot and a free space of said information processing unit.

19. (cancelled)

20. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claim [[19]] 15, wherein said input unit, when configured as said plate-like structure, is storable in any one of a card slot and a free space of said information processing unit.

21. (currently amended) Apparatus according to Claim [[17]] 15,
having a plurality of said open-close members corresponding to and placed for engagement with that number of fingers provided for performing input operations.

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22. (cancelled)

23. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 15, further comprising
at least one switch coupled to said main unit;
said switches being operable when the provided fingertips are placed between said main unit and said finger support member when said finger support member is pivoted in an open state.

24. (cancelled)

25. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 23,
wherein said finger support member is singular and configured such that fingertip insertion is nearly vertical to the pivotal direction of said single finger support member.

26. (cancelled)

27. (currently amended) ~~Apparatus according to Claim 23,~~ An apparatus comprising:

an information processing unit;

an input unit, said input unit including a plate-like main unit having a sensor for detecting a displacement;

a plurality of finger support members pivotally coupled to said main unit, said main unit and said finger support members defining a plate-like structure when said finger support members are pivoted inline with said main unit;

at least one switch coupled to said main unit, said at least one switch being operable when fingertips are placed between said main unit and said finger support member when said finger support member is pivoted in an open state; wherein [[a]] said plurality of said finger support members are provided in a configuration such that fingertip insertion is nearly parallel to the pivotal direction of said finger support members.

28. (original) Apparatus according to Claim 27, wherein said input unit, when configured as said plate-like structure, is storable in any one of a card slot and a free space of said information processing unit.

29. (new) An input device comprising:

a plate main unit;

a finger support section pivotably coupled to the plate main unit on a pivot axis; and

a first and second member pivotably coupled to the plate main unit, on the pivot axis, on opposite sides of the finger support section, the first and second members each having a respective input switch, wherein when not in use, the finger support section and first and second members fold flat against the plate main unit.

30. (new) An input device comprising:

a plate main unit;

a first enabling switch and a second enabling switch mounted on the plate main unit;

a finger support section pivotably coupled to the plate main unit on a pivot axis; and

a first, second and third member pivotably coupled to the plate main unit on the pivot axis, the first, second and third members each having a respective input switch, wherein the first and second enabling switches define alternate input signals generated by the respective input switches of the first, second and third members.

31. (new) The input device of claim 30, further comprising:

an plate input switch on the plate main unit, wherein the first and second enabling switches define alternate signals generated by the plate input switch on the plate main unit.

32. (new) The input device of claim 31, wherein when not in use, the finger support section and first, second and third members fold flat against the plate main unit.